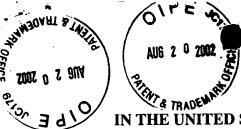
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In re application of:

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ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Please select group I, claims 1-16 and 20, drawn to an apparatus of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 29/025.010.

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This election is without traverse.

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If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 510-438-4881.

Respectfully submitted,

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